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distinction between the course in a Higher Elementary School and that in a Middle School. Will the Government make it uniform either by abolishing the examination or by making it uniform?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That distinction is only with reference to eighth year class. That, we have said, could be considered a little later. As far as the general reorganization is concerned, that could be implemented immediately.

New schools in Srirangam Municipal area

* 132 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of newly started elementary schools within the Srirangam Municipal area that applied for recognition and aid during the school-year 1955–56; and

(*b*) the number of such applications still pending disposal?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) One application was received and it is under correspondence with the Municipal Commissioner.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : As I have information that one of the schools that was started did not receive recognition even after eight months since it was started and that it had to be closed—it has already been closed—will the Government kindly put a time-limit for the grant of recognition?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I find elementary schools are started without sanction and then the managements come up for sanction. Naturally it takes some time to dispose of the application, because the local body concerned and also the managements of schools nearby have got to be consulted. Simply because a person starts a school and runs it for some time, it does not mean that recognition to that school should be granted as a matter of course. It is better that one applies for sanction and then starts a school, if such difficulty as has been pointed out is to be avoided.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Do our rules allow of a school being started after sanction?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think there is any bar to asking for sanction beforehand.

Scales of pay of Instructors handling Engineering courses

* 133 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the scales of pay of Instructors and Assistant Instructors handling Engineering courses under the bifurcated courses of studies in secondary schools; and

(*b*) the qualifications prescribed for such posts?